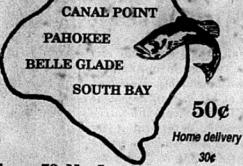


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News Briefs

Benefit Dinner planned for burn victim

There will be a benefit dinner for Shelley Goodbread on Saturday, March 2, at the Belle Glade Marina.

The benefit will begin at 11 a.m. with plates of barbecue chicken or pork and all the trimmings going for \$6 for adults or \$4 for children.

Eat in or carry out is available. For tickets or to make a donation, call 996-8632.

Free Boating Safety Class

A free Boating Safety Class is being offered in Belle Glade by the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission. The event will be held Saturday, Feb. 24, at Glades Day School, 400 N.E. Avenue L. The class begins at 8:30 a.m.

This is an eight-hour class taught by Reserve Officers who volunteer with the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission. The class provides information on safe and proper boat handling, legal requirements, navigation rules, and accidents. Those who successfully complete the class will receive a certificate and are entitled to a boat insurance discount through most insurance companies.

For information or to register, contact Lt. Richard Moore, Everglades Regional Office, West Palm Beach, at 407-640-6100.

Lutheran Ministries accepting children

Lutheran Ministries of Florida, PEPPi Head Start, is now recruiting and accepting applications for three and four year old children to be in their program.

All children are welcome, including children with disabilities and there is no fee. The center is located at 200 S.W. 9th Street, Belle Glade. For more information, call 996-1718.

New AA group forms

The New Hope Group, a new Alcoholics Anonymous meeting, will be held each Sunday at 7 p.m. at the New Hope Family Center, 7450 State Road 15, U.S. 441, Belle Glade.

Open discussion is encouraged and refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome to attend.

For information and/or transportation, call Milagros at 942-7947, or Harry at 305-567-9125.

Support group offered

The Alzheimer's Association is looking to start a Support Group for caregivers of dementia victims. If you have any input on the place this meeting should be held in your area, please contact Jackie Osborn at 924-7283 from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Clothing Closet open

A clothing closet has been opened at First Baptist Church in Belle Glade for all in need.

The free clothing is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 to 5 p.m. The church is located at 17 N.W. Avenue B, Belle Glade.

Two die in plane crash near Pahokee Airport Feb. 15

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

Two Pahokee Airport employees died last Thursday afternoon when their two-seat ultralight aircraft crashed in a corn field about two miles east of the Pahokee airport.

Philip Downing, 23, of Lake Worth and pilot Brian Ankrom, 26, of Lorida, died after their plane crashed and then flipped. Sgt. Pat Lynch with the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, District Five, said they received the call about 3 p.m.

Co-workers at the airport apparently became worried when the two men didn't return within an hour. Downing and Ankrom worked part-time

for Midstate Ultra-light Aircraft, a dealership and repair company which is based at the Pahokee airport.

Darryl Shade, the men's boss, and Jamie Busby, airport manager, noted the men were late getting back.

They radioed to another plane that was nearby and asked the pilot to check on the two men. They spotted the wreckage and let Busby and Shade know where the wreck was and the two men went to the crash site.

They then called 911 and the sheriff's department responded. The sheriff's department turned the investigation over to the Federal Aviation Administration.

Philip Downing, 23, of Lake Worth and pilot Brian Ankrom, 26, of Lorida, died in the accident.

SUNPHOTO by Brenda Bunting

Black Gold Jubilee presents My Favorite VIP and Me

As part of Black Gold Jubilee's Celebration by the Lake, the Jubilee '96 Committee is asking you to join in the festivities by sharing one of your "Favorite VIP and Me" photos with the community.

We want to hear all about you and your celebrity photo taken with someone famous, someone well-known, or someone who is very special to you.

The photo should be accompanied by 50 words or less explaining when, where, or why the photo was taken and why it is a special memento.

Please place your name, address, and phone number on

the back of the picture.

The Black Gold Jubilee Committee reserves the right to duplicate some of the entries in the Jubilee '96 Booklet. The Committee will take every precaution to ensure the safe handling and return of all entries. However, Black Gold Jubilee does not assume responsibility for my pictures submitted.

My Favorite VIP and Me entries may be taken to the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce or The Sun newspaper office. The deadline for submitting an entry is March 8.

For more information, call 996-2745 or 996-4404.

19 year-old charged with attempted first degree murder

On Feb. 17, 1996 at 6 p.m. Felix Tomlin, James Anderson, Jimmie Gray, and Otis McWilliams made sworn statements to police regarding the event that occurred at 871 Old Belle Glade Road, Pahokee, in which Felix Tomlin, 34, was shot in the back by Tyrone Dunnaway, 19.

Tomlin told police that on Feb. 17, around 6 p.m., he and James Anderson were standing in front of the Pahokee Food Mart talking outside of the store for a short time, then Tomlin went inside the store to make a purchase while Anderson remained outside of the

store. As Tomlin walked out of the store and walked past Anderson, Dunnaway ran up to the front of the store and fired in the direction of Tomlin, striking him in the back. Tomlin told police he heard two or three shots and felt an impact on his back. He then ran to a house nearby and an ambulance was called.

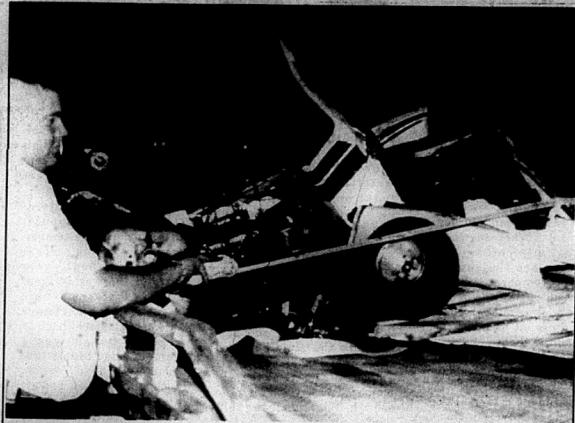
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Two men died in this ultra-light plane just two miles from the Pahokee Airport last Thursday afternoon. Shown is Moss Towing employee Donny Moss, as he straps down what's left of the Titan Tornado aircraft to transport the wreckage away from the corn field where it crashed. Philip Downing, 23, of Lake Worth and pilot Brian Ankrom, 26, of Lorida, died in the accident.

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Young girls targeted for sex by older men:

Residents look for solutions to the problem

By Brenda Bunting
Editor

She's jailbait."

Those words used to strike fear in the hearts of most hot-blooded adult men in the 1950's, 60's and 70's.

But this is the 90's and the stigma of sleeping with underage girls no longer seems to be there. Nor is the punishment.

Concerned community leaders met Tuesday night to talk about the problem of young girls in Belle Glade who are sleeping with older men and having their babies.

They learned that many young girls, some as young as 10 and 12, are having sex with much older men. When they find themselves pregnant, the fathers are nowhere to be found.

Belle Glade's Mayor Steve Weeks said he's very concerned. He's been told the girls are willing participants. They go with older men to escape poverty - for gifts, money, clothing and the affection they are lacking at home.

Chief of Police Michael Miller said "sex with a minor" laws are hard to prosecute because the parents won't prosecute and often the girls won't name the father of their out-of-wedlock babies.

A two-part story which ran on Channel 12 titled "Children Having Children" was shown to the audience. Mayor Weeks said he told Channel 12 officials he was not angry they did the story, but angry that they targeted Belle Glade.

"We do have a very large problem," he said, "but the problem is not just here, it's everywhere. The city is willing to do anything in its power to stem this."

"I want us to use this to come up with ideas to combat this problem. We want to make something positive out of this," he said. "This is a moral issue and a poverty issue. A lot needs to be looked at."

Men sometimes 15, 20, or 30 years older are soliciting young girls, says Joe Amato, a mem-

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2,000 sugar growers protest new 1-cent tax

By Tracy Whirls

More than 2,000 local sugar farmers, mill workers and their families descended on Miami Sunday to protest the announcement by Vice President Al Gore of a one-cent per pound sugar tax aimed at restoring the "River of Grass."

Democratic officials were meeting at the Doral Country

Club Sunday and the vice president was in town to announce the Clinton administration proposal Monday in the Everglades.

Area sugar companies say they are already paying their fair share under a state law requiring them to pay between \$165 million and \$320 million over the next 20 years to create marshes for water polluted by sugar.

Bob Baker, senior vice president at U.S. Sugar said President Clinton's proposal is politically motivated.

"Clinton said big government is dead but gigantic government is alive and well," Mr. Baker said amidst chants of "No more taxes. We need jobs" from the crowd of sugar workers.

"We're here to try to get Mr. Clinton's attention. He needs to pay attention to the working men and women of the United States, put them first for a change," said Mr. Baker in a hand-out distributed at the rally. "This tax is going to destroy American jobs."

The handout noted that 40,000 jobs in Florida are related to the sugar industry. U.S. Sugar closed its Clewiston Sugar House on Sunday so that workers could attend the rally. In addition to mill workers, employees from the company's other departments as well as independent growers were also on hand to carry protest signs.

"This is the first time in American history a special tax will be imposed on people to buy their own property from them," U.S. Sugar officials said.

The administration's initiative calls for more than half a billion dollars to be spent over the next several years to buy farmland and restore a natural flow of water across the Everglades. The penny-per-pound tax would raise \$245 million more over seven years.

U.S. Sugar Human Resources Director Rodney Larson asked fellow Floridians to remember the residents around Lake Okeechobee.

"When people in south Florida called out for help after Hurricane Andrew, we sent down 1,500 people with supplies and water. We came when they needed help. We need their help now," Mr. Larson said.

Miller Couse, president of the First Bank of Clewiston said the penny per pound tax would force some of his customers out of business. "This tax is half their profits," he said.

Sugar growers note that some of the pollution in the Everglades is caused by urban run-off from the heavily populated coast.

"If we're the only people polluting the Everglades it would be fine. They've already taxed us more than we're entitled to pay. It's fuel to the fire," said independent sugar grower Moye L. Bishop, who began farming here in 1937.



Charity fund raiser planned...Lisa Ellis (far right) donated Panda Bears for an upcoming fund raiser for Panda House. The event will be Feb. 23 at the Binks Forest Country Club. A social hour and silent auction begins at 7:30 p.m. and dinner and dancing at 8:30 p.m. Proceeds benefit the Western Palm Beach County Mental Health PANDA House in Belle Glade. Shown, from left, are committee members Dolby Hand, Joseph Amato, Margaret Donnelly and Ms. Ellis. The event will be held Feb. 23 at the Binks Forest Country Club and will benefit Belle Glade's PANDA House. See story Page 2

Celsius and Fahrenheit work together to perfect the thermometer

The residents of International Falls, Minnesota must have been outraged. The town that takes great pride in being called "America's icebox" was being spurned by the nation's media. The problem was simple: International Falls just wasn't cold enough. It was "only" 43 degrees below zero.

Down the road in Tower, Minnesota it was really frigid. The temperature dropped to an astounding 60 degrees below zero. International Falls had been replaced as "America's icebox". Tower, Minnesota now was the coldest spot in the United States.

That -60 degree reading was recorded on the Fahrenheit scale but it could just as easily been -60 degrees Celsius. When the temperature falls below -30 both scales are the same. Yet, frigid temperatures are the only area that the two scales share in common. They are as different as the men who invented them.

Daniel Gabriel Fahrenheit was a remarkable man - a self-trained physicist and instrument maker. He spent his days traveling throughout Europe meeting and conferring with other scientists. In 1708, he came into Olaus Roemer, who had invented a new thermometer. Roemer's thermometer worked - it did measure the temperature -



er hand, was a bona fide scientist trained in mathematics and astronomy. He spent most of his life in celestial pursuits: studying the aurora borealis, determining the shape of the earth's poles and attempting to figure out the magnitude of the stars in the constellation Aires.

Yet, he found time to experiment with Fahrenheit's temperature scale. Celsius wanted to simplify the scale so he established the boiling point of water at zero degrees and the freezing point at 100 degrees. A few years after his death, his associates at the University of Uppsala, reversed his scale to create the present standard-freezing at zero degrees, boiling at 100.

Today, Anders Celsius scale is the most popular way to measure the temperature. The Celsius scale is used in just about every country of the world except the United States. There was a movement to change to the metric system back in the 1970's but it was a movement that didn't last very long.

The residents of Tower, Minnesota probably don't care what scale is used to measure the temperature. On both the Fahrenheit and Celsius scale it was still 60 degrees below zero in Tower, Minnesota.

Mike Lyons is the weatherman for WPBF, Channel 25.

Still, there were problems not with the scales but with the contents of the thermometer. The alcohol thermometer just wasn't stable enough. Fahrenheit the self-taught physicist and instrument maker began experiments with different liquids. Instead of alcohol, Fahrenheit used mercury in his thermometer. It worked and the rest is weather history.

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Healthfirst

By Paula Swaford

In Florida, 20 percent of children under two years of age are not fully immunized for basic childhood diseases. You ask...how could this be true? I'm old enough to remember (and maybe you are too) the hovering scare and threat of the crippling disease called polio back in the 1940's and 1950's. When Dr. Jonas Salk developed the vaccine, it was an answer to prayer. It seems, however, in this day and time, many parents take for granted all the vaccinations that are available to their children, and conveniently "forget" to have the children immunized properly. Their complacency can be fatal for their children.

Callup poll showed that nearly half of parents do not realize that polio is a contagious disease, or that measles can cause mental retardation, or that tetanus can lead to fatal paralysis. Even though 95% of children are immunized by the time they enter school, toddlers and infants are not getting the protection they need. All the aforementioned diseases still pose a very great threat without proper and timely vaccination.

To stay healthy, your child

needs all of the following vaccinations in age-specific increments starting at birth through their 16th birthday:

MMR - protects against measles, mumps, and rubella or German measles.

OPV (oral polio virus) vaccine protects against polio. What a great development that Sabin came up with, when he created the oral dose instead of an injection.

DTP - protects against diphtheria, tetanus (lockjaw) and pertussis or whooping cough.

Hib - protects against hepatitis B, which causes liver disease.

In addition, a vaccine against Chicken Pox has recently been approved by the FDA, and is recommended to be given to babies between 12 and 18 months of age, and to all children, adolescents and young adults who have not already been infected.

So, parents, it is up to you. Make and keep regular appointments with your child's pediatrician or local health department to insure that your child is getting all the vaccines he or she needs at the proper time.

Till next time...stay informed and stay healthy.



A vaccine is a preparation containing the weakened or "killed" microorganisms that cause a specific disease. When these substances are injected or taken orally, the body stimulates the immune system to produce the necessary defenses against a particular disease. Occasionally, because of the organisms introduced into the body, adverse reactions to vaccines may occur, but they are usually mild. Serious reactions are rare. In fact, the American Academy of Pediatrics maintains that the risk a child faces if he or she gets one of these dangerous childhood diseases are far greater than the risk of complications from taking a vaccine.

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Patience is the best remedy for every trouble.

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The Wizard of Oz is coming to town and you can be a star. Tryouts for children Kindergarten through 12th grade for THE WIZARD OF OZ will be Monday at 3 p.m. at Belle Glade Elementary's new cafeteria. The children will rehearse after school and do three shows. Parents, family members and the community will have a chance to see their "stars" on Saturday, March 2, with one show at 1 p.m. and one at 7:30 p.m. at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center. Tickets are on sale now for \$2. For more information, call the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center at 992-6160 Monday thru Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Fund raiser set for local PANDA House

Plans are under way for a charity fund raiser even for the PANDA House in Belle Glade.

The event will be February 23 at the Binks Forest Country Club.

A social hour and silent auction

will begin at 7:30 p.m. followed by dinner and dancing at 8:30 p.m. Proceeds from the event benefit Western Palm Beach County Mental Health PANDA House.

PANDA House will be the new home for the PANDA program. PANDA (Pregnant and Addicted) is a residential treatment

program for chemically dependent pregnant women and women with children.

The new facility is scheduled to open the end of February and includes 27 beds, a nursery, courtyard, library, infirmary and two group rooms.

A special feature of the program is that women who give birth while residing in PANDA are permitted to keep their infants in residence with them.

"We are very pleased to be able to offer the community these expanded services," said Joseph Amato, executive director

of Western Palm Beach County Mental Health.

Committee members for the fund-raiser are Dolly Hand, general chair; Margaret Donnelly, co-chair; Joseph Amato, Bonnie Colombo, Tom Colombo, Patricia Cusack, Jeannette Dexter, Linda Earsley, Michael Fincannon, Barbara Miedema, many Orsenio, Donia Roberts, Barbara Schlechter, Sharon Shepard, Sue Teets, Carlene Walker, Steve Weeks, Emma Whelehan, Dennis Witkowski, and Leigh Woodham.

Opportunities for the disabled

A public forum on employment for people with disabilities is scheduled for Saturday, March 23, at the Clewiston High School. Day care, transportation and food will be provided for all registering participants.

Called the South Central Agencies for Rural Community Employment (S.C.A.R.C.E.) Forum is modeled after the very successful Families Forum held in Belle Glade in 1994 and again in 1995. Funded by the Developmental Disabilities Council, the ARC/Florida in Tallahassee and the Glades Area ARC in Belle Glade have joined with

service providers from Western Palm Beach County, Hendry County, Glades County and Eastern Collier County to develop this forum.

The S.C.A.R.C.E. Forum will bring together people with a variety of disabilities to discuss the barriers to successful community employment and to present those barriers and possible remedies to government officials, strategic planners and funders of services so they may better plan how to meet the needs of this population. Individuals with disabilities are invited to attend this important one day event and share their concerns.

As with the Families Forum and issues about children and families, the S.C.A.R.C.E. Forum is a unique opportunity for employment issues to be addressed directly to the individuals who can improve the opportunities for employment, transportation, benefits, day care, public school assistance, self-employment, and assistive technology.

Any disabled person, friend or family member is invited to attend the forum. To register, arrange for transportation or for more information, call the Glades Area ARC at 996-9583 and ask for Scot Kannel or Sharon Peace.

Girl Scouts strive to meet "The Kindness Challenge"

Moms will get breakfast in bed, Dads will get their dogs washed, smiles will be shared and sisters will swap chores during the month of February as thousands of local Girl Scouts perform hundreds of unsolicited, random acts of kindness at Palm Glades Girl Scout Council's third annual "Kindness Challenge" gets underway.

Palm Glades Girl Scout Council, a United Way agency, is chal-

lenging local Girl Scouts to meet the "kindness challenge" by documenting 100,000 random kind acts during the month. During the first challenge three years ago, the council received about 2,000 "kindness challenge" entries daily from the more than 10,000 Girl Scouts in local communities. "The Kindness Challenge" is a great way for people to see the number of wonderful little things Girl Scouts are doing each and every day to make their world a brighter, better place to be," said Sandra Pat-

ton, Palm Glades Girl Scout Council Executive Director. "This program exemplifies one of the fundamental philosophies that initiated the Girl Scout Movement 84 years ago and continues today; the idea of service to others and improving the world around us."

The idea behind "The Kindness Challenge" was conceived and initiated by Professor Chuck Wall of California's Bakersfield College who asked his students to perform random acts of kindness.

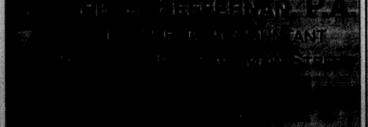
According to Sandra Patton, the challenge is a great way to gain friends and family for the Palm Glades area, safe, air-conditioned, late model cars. Over 70 convenient So. Florida locations.

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What happened?

"About a year ago our newspaper had a story about a grand opening for a company building came harvester over in South Bay. But I see that they never did move in and their signs are down."

Can you tell me what happened to the company?

Beautification Committee responds to last week's Speak Out

In response to "Not happy with bid award": One of the main reasons the bid was awarded to Ms. O'Mahoney is the fact that she has been involved with the Charette from the first day, on January 28, 1995, so she is very familiar with the area, and the goals put forth by the local citizens who were at the Charette.

Also, her qualifications are excellent and she has a surprising amount of experience. The bids were open to all landscape architects interested, without exceptions.

There were bids from places as far away as

New Smyrna Beach, Orlando, Stuart, and West Palm Beach, to mention a few. They were studied and scrutinized during a very long meeting of the Beautification Committee.

One company had been involved with a Charette project in another town but had the bid been awarded to this company, part of the grant money would have gone to pay for hours spent familiarizing that company with Pahokee, its people, and the goals of the Charette. Ms. O'Mahoney has acquired this familiarity during the past year, so you see, we're that much ahead already by having her do the job.

We hope this has made the issue clear to you. We appreciate your interest and concern and extend an invitation to you and all who would like to be involved, to help us with the task ahead.

Maria Mills and Joann Law
Beautification Committee Co-Chairmen

Letters to the editor

Dear Editor:

How can the *Palm Beach Post* or anyone argue that the voters should not have a say on whether taxes are raised or a new tax is created? And can anyone argue that when the government takes your land, that they should have to pay for it? We, the people have a once in a lifetime opportunity to take control of our local and state taxes and protect the integrity of our Constitution. If the Tax Cap Committee can get enough volunteers state-wide to gather approximately 600,000 signed petitions, these initiatives will be put on the November ballot. When voted in, they become LAW the day after the election. Hallelujah!

The only question is will enough people get off their couches to help get these petitions signed or will we let a great opportunity pass?

Sincerely
John M. Earley
Citizens for Constitutional Property Rights
TAX CAP 1-800-482-9546

Dear Editor:

We're always reading about the importance of our environmental laws. How they're needed to protect our environment, endangered creatures, our air and our water supply. What we never hear about are the people who have been victimized by these laws.

For example, a frail elderly Tampa woman is living in poverty even though she owns property that could be worth more than a million dollars.

She owns a piece of property on Tampa's Dale Mabry Highway that but for the fact it's been designated a wetland by several governmental agencies, would be very valuable. Instead, it's worthless. So rather than being able to sell it, the land sits unused and unusable. Would be buyer come, learn of this designation and leave? And rather than have a comfortable retirement, she lives out her life without sufficient funds to get by.

We don't have to abandon our commitment to the environment or discard our sensible environmental laws. All we need to do is reaffirm our commitment to the founding principles of the U.S. Constitution and compensate people when the government, on behalf of all its citizens, reduces or eliminates the value of another citizen's property.

It's a simple concept, but one that seems to have gotten lost in the rush to prevent further environmental damage or unsightly urban sprawl. It's why a constitutional amendment has been proposed that will ensure that Floridians whose property is reduced in value by government action are assured the chance to be compensated for their loss. To learn more or to obtain signature petitions call: Tax Cap Committee, at (904) 423-4744. Or write to us at P.O. Box 192, New Smyrna Beach, FL 32170. Our e-mail address is taxcap@aol.com.

David Biddulph
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Tax Cap Committee

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Florida Constitution should be amended

By Daniel F. Walker

Governor Lawton Chiles' hospital stay last summer should alert us to the need to amend Florida's constitution. As it now stands there is dangerously little direction in our constitution as to how the state should proceed if our governor becomes unable to serve as chief executive, either through suffering a physical breakdown or due to a crippling mental disease.

Crises like Watergate that threaten the legitimacy of a representative government reveal the strengths and weaknesses of governmental structure under great pressure. Such emergencies are exceedingly rare events in America but could occur if a political chief executive (for example, our nation's president or a state governor) became disabled but was unwilling to relinquish power, either as a permanent measure or for a temporary period of treatment or rehabilitation.

For example, suppose a governor of our state began to conduct himself strangely, and to exhibit unusual behavior and to sluggishly perform a limited number of official duties (all the while doing nothing dangerous or unethical or illegal).

Article 4, section 3 (b) of the Florida Constitution directs that four cabinet members may notify the state supreme court by a "written suggestion" that the governor is unfit to perform the duties of public office due to his mental or physical impairment.

The state supreme court would then determine the governor's alleged "incapacity to govern."

How would it make its determination?

We don't know.

Would the state supreme court act as a kind of trial court?

Probably. We're not sure.

What evidence would it con-

sider?

Well...who knows?

Is "incapacity to govern" a standard comparable to "lacking the capacity to manage property and meet essential health and safety requirements" as Florida's guardianship law states? Might a permanent legal unfit to administer state business and yet not obtain a guardian for personal affairs?

We have no idea.

If a governor's actions (or inactions) raise serious concerns about his mental or physical condition but he refuses to voluntarily step aside, the responsibility to force the issue lies with the cabinet. If a majority of cabinet officers file "written suggestion" of gubernatorial incapacity with the state supreme court and the governor opposes the cabinet, we could witness a genuine state constitutional crisis. The Florida supreme court would be empowered to carry out a constitutionally-mandated duty with no rules, guidelines or parameters of inquiry. No minimum threshold of evidence is required, not even medical or psychiatric testimony.

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three physicians in private practice, one of whom must be a psychiatrist. There must be a speedy and public hearing on the matter, witnesses can be obtained, and legal assistance can be addressed.

The Georgia model is not perfect. For example, the state supreme court has not issued rules strictly pertaining to such a potential situation in which it might have to serve as a trial court.

But at least it does require a certain amount of medical testimony and establishes that the court is to function as a quasi-trial court.

If Floridians want the Florida supreme court to serve as the primary determinant of gubernatorial incapacity, the Georgia model (Art. 5, Sec. 4, Par. 2 of its Constitution) offers several desirable features. Alternatively, our legislature could borrow and adapt provisions from some other state, or it could fashion its own unique procedure.

Regardless of the measures to be implemented, the Florida Constitution should be amended soon because the existing mechanism is inadequate and unclear.

The people of Florida can continue to gamble that every governor we elect will proceed through every term with no maladies of body or enfeeblements of mind. Or we can prepare now, which is the best way to face a possible emergency.

Our state constitution provides very limited tools to deal with the unfortunate scenario of an immobilized and impaired governor in office.

New tools are necessary.

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124 N.W. Second Street, Boynton Beach, Florida. Miller also goes by the name Robert Nelson and has a scar

on his left ankle. His birth date is listed as January 24, 1958. His last occupation was as a taxi driver. His warrant was active as of February 16, 1996.

If you know the whereabouts of Miller, or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers; 1-800-458-8477. You do not have to give your name. Remain anonymous and receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest or recovery of stolen property.



Robert Carceric Miller

Business news



Under new management...Averill's Hallmark Studio and Camera Shop is under new management. Owner Tina Rongione, (left), and Ingrid Burger, employee, (center) welcome new manager, Heather Love.



The paintings of Marjorie Laks are currently on display at the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Laks is part of the Glades Art Group, under the direction of local artist Ann Tyler. Mrs. Laks paintings will be on display through the month of February and the Chamber invites the public to stop by and enjoy her talented artwork.

Belle Glade Police Department Arrest Blotter February 12-18

The Belle Glade Police Department investigated 717 complaints the week of February 12-18 and handled 25 crime scenes. Those arrested included:

February 12 - Juan Solis, 22, aggravated battery; Juvenile, 12, trespassing; Juvenile, 14, petty theft; Ulysses Thompson, 26, two counts of aggravated child abuse; Stacie Thompson, 26, two counts of aggravated child abuse.

February 13 - Lorraine Johnson, 30, retail theft and possession of narcotic paraphernalia; Barnard Robinson, 41, contempt of court; Juvenile, 14, retail theft; Juvenile, 14, retail theft; Stanley McClorin, 31, aggravated battery on a pregnant woman.

February 14 - Albert Dunbar, 23, felony retail theft;

Juvenile, 16, aggravated battery with a deadly weapon; James William Smith, 59, false imprisonment and failure to appear; Daniel Renodo, 25, battery; Dexter Gibson, 23, violation of probation and failure to appear; Terry Lee Willie, 41, battery on a law enforcement officer; Louis Samuel, 30, possession of marijuana over 20 grams, possession of marijuana with intent to sell and possession of narcotic paraphernalia; Conroy Brown, 20, possession of marijuana over 20 grams and possession of marijuana over 20 grams with intent to sell and possession of narcotic paraphernalia.

February 15 - Artie Snead, 23, retail theft; Victor Rodriguez, 54, battery on a person 65 years of age or older. February 16 - Linda Kellman, 34, aggravated domestic violence.

Casting for play is Saturday

The final casting call is being issued for an original play to be held at the Prince Theatre, 231 East Main Street, Pahokee.

Auditions will be Saturday, Feb. 24 at 11 a.m. Actors, actresses, crew and support staff are needed for this play.

To become mature is to recover that sense of seriousness which one had as a child at play.

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Averill's under new management

Averill's Hallmark Studio and Camera Shop is under new management Ed and Tina Rongione, owners of Averill's Hallmark, have announced that they have hired a new assistant manager, Heather Love. Mrs. Love replaces Nancy Thompson, longtime manager who has decided to move with her family to Missouri.

Mrs. Love will be working with award-winning photographer Ed Rongione, his wife Tina, and son Brad doing studio, wedding, and special group photography as well as working with Ingrid Burger at the store assisting customers with all their card and gift buying needs.

Averill's Hallmark is located at 40 S.W. Avenue B, across from First Union Bank, and Gilbert's Jewelers. The phone number is 996-3013.

Confession

back.

Witness, James Anderson, told police he was standing outside of the Pahokee Food Mart as Tomlin walked out of the store. He saw a black male known to him as "Mookie Doo", and later identified as Tyrone Dunnaway, run up to the front of the store holding a handgun. Anderson told police that he heard Dunnaway say "What's up, nigger?", and then Dunnaway shot toward Tomlin three times. Anderson said that after Tomlin ran away, Dunnaway ran from the scene.

Witness, Jimmie Gray, told police he was standing in front of the Pahokee Food Store when a black male known to him as "Mookie Doo" ran up to the front of the store and pointed a handgun at Tomlin and fired two or three times and then ran south on Old Belle Glade Road.

Witness, Otis McWilliams, told police he was standing outside the Pahokee Food Store when a black male

Two churches to host gospel singer on Sunday

Shirley DeJean, a gospel singer and counselor, will perform at the Pahokee Church of the Nazarene on Sunday, Feb. 25, at 11 a.m.

That evening,

she will perform at the First Methodist Church in Pahokee in their Vesper Service at 6 p.m. in the chapel.

Mrs. DeJean has been singing publicly since she was three years old.

She has been active in her local church choir, in teaching Sunday School, and in other areas of service. She has performed solos in revivals and

numerous cantatas. Mrs. DeJean has a master's degree in counseling from Heidelberg College and is a geriatric counselor of patients residing in nursing homes.

Whether she is counseling or singing, Mrs. DeJean says she believes she has been called by the Lord to minister to those who are in need of a "cup of cool water."

Her music includes hymns of the church as well as contemporary and gospel melodies.

Both concerts are free and open to the public.

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Clewiston substation, picked up Dunnaway and brought him to the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office substation located in Belle Glade.

Police interviewed Dunnaway in the Detective Bureau of the Palm Beach Sheriff's Office. Before the interview, Dunnaway was read the Miranda warnings from a standardized rights card. Dunnaway said he understood his Miranda rights and waived them. Dunnaway confessed to police he shot Tomlin because Tomlin produced a handgun and was going to shoot him. Dunnaway said after he ran from the scene, he threw the handgun he used to shoot Tomlin in a nearby canal.

Based on the above mentioned facts, police believe that probable cause exists to charge Tyrone Dunnaway with attempted murder in the first degree by shooting Felix Tomlin with a premeditated design to effect his death.

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plains, we can't do anything."

Mr. Amato said society has lost its social outrage at crimes such as this. "We need to create an atmosphere of social acceptance," he said.

A new House Bill has been introduced in the Florida House of Representatives to combat the problem. The Warner Bill provides penalties for anyone who willfully provides false information regarding the paternity of a child if they are applying for or receiving public assistance for a dependent child. The bill requires the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services to provide the local sheriff's office with reports of child abuse involving criminal impregnation of a child under 16 years of age by a person 21 years of age or older.

The next step, the group agreed, is to hold a meeting to get together agencies who deal with families, parents and students to come up with solutions to the problem.

A meeting has been set for Tuesday, Feb. 27, at 5:30 p.m. at Belle Glade City Hall. Should anyone have questions concerning this meeting, contact Elizabeth Hernandez at 996-0129.

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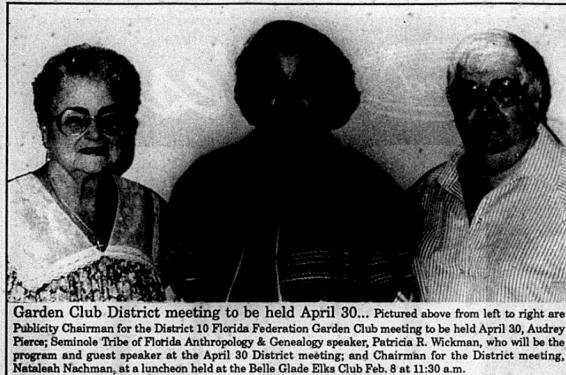
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Garden Club District meeting to be held April 30. Pictured above from left to right are Publicity Chairman for the District 10 Florida Federation Garden Club meeting to be held April 30, Audrey Pieres; Seminole Tribe of Florida Anthropology & Genealogy speaker, Patricia R. Wickman, who will be the program and guest speaker at the April 30 District meeting; and Chairman for the District meeting, Nataleah Nachman, at a luncheon held at the Belle Glade Elks Club Feb. 8 at 11:30 a.m.

Lake Shore Middle School Black History Committee to honor pioneers

The Third Annual Lake Shore High School Reunion Banquet Committee will honor former students from 1954-1970. This gala event has been planned to focus on the recognition of various parents for

their faith, endurance, and love that enhanced their descendants to succeed.

Saturday, Feb. 24, 1996, in the Lake Shore Middle School Cafeteria, South Campus, at 7 p.m., all parents and friends

are cordially invited to come and enjoy this joyful affair. It is a \$10.00 donation for you to enjoy this Pioneer honors banquet. Please plan to attend, call (407) 996-4046 for your reservation. GO! Bobcats!

Tom Wheeler benefit barbecue & golf tournament, set for April 13 at Belle Glade Country Club

Tom Wheeler is the owner of PIZZA EXPRESS in Belle Glade. As most people in our area know, Tom sustained major injuries when he was shot last November. A group of his friends, family and colleagues are organizing a golf tournament and barbecue in an effort to raise money to offset the \$425,000 in bills that resulted from Tom's three month hospital stay. Tom is finally home and doing better each day, and we hope that you will lend your support to this

event in his honor.

The golf tournament is set for Saturday, April 13, 1996. Registration begins at 8 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 9 a.m. The tournament will be played at the Belle Glade Country Club. At this time, we are looking for businesses and residents who will sponsor a Tee for a charitable donation of \$100. For this fee, your business name or family name will be displayed at one of the holes during the golf tournament.

Following the tournament, there will be a barbecue in the main pavilion at the Belle Glade Marina. Tickets are \$6, and a dinner includes half of a chicken with all the trimmings. Committee members invite you to join them at the marina for the barbecue, beginning at 1 p.m. Take-out dinners will also be available.

Please take the time to read the following information on the events scheduled for April 13. We hope that even if you aren't a golfer, you will take part in the afternoon barbecue and help assist Tom and his family. Thank you for your support. Barbecue tickets are available from all committee members.

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Military news:

Shine

Army Sgt. Melvin C. Shine has arrived for duty at Wheeler Army Airfield, Hawaii.

Shine, a food service specialist, is the son of Earlean S. Bell of 800 McClure Road, Pahokee.

South Florida Fair awards scholarships

The South Florida Fair announces the recipients of its annual scholarships. The winners are:

\$4,000 - Paulgun Sulor of Boca Raton; Spanish River High School.

\$2,000 - Esther Obeng of Boca Raton; Atlantic High School.

\$2,000 - Douglas Raines of West Palm Beach; Palm Beach Lakes High School.

\$1,000 - Dan Matheson of West Palm Beach; Kings Academy.

\$1,000 - Jamie Kuoppala of West Palm Beach; Kings

Academy.

\$1,000 - Sulma Medina of Canal Point; Pahokee High School.

\$1,000 - Shawnte Napier of Belle Glade; Glades Central High School.

To date, over \$185,000 has been awarded to deserving area students. Scholarships are based upon community involvement, participation at the Fair and educational background.

The primary fundraiser for the scholarship fund is the annual golf tournament which will be held on Saturday, Aug. 24 at Emerald Dunes in West Palm Beach.

United Methodist Women held meeting

The United Methodist Women in Belle Glade held their regular monthly meeting recently. The speaker for the evening was Mary Weeks, RN. Mary is the Director of Nursing at Glades General Hospital.

Her program was "Under-

standing Your yearly physical." Miskey Harris, President, presided at the meeting. Twenty-four attended along with two guests, Muriel Baker and Barbara Gruber Paul. Nine members of the Methodist Pink Ladies who volunteer at Glades General were also in attendance.

Xi Zeta Mu celebrated 31st anniversary

Members of Xi Zeta Mu Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi celebrated their 31st anniversary, Saturday, Feb. 17, 1996 at 12 noon with a luncheon at Bimini Forest Country Club in Wellington.

Members attending were Gredale York, Gloria Swager, Pat McKee, Judy McMillan, Lin-

da McMillan, Merelyne Cochran, Karen Corbin, Janise Goforth, Sara Phillips, Laura Mae Enfinger, Jane Evans, sponsor and guest; Ginger Siveria of Sacramento, Cal., and Gail Rushing of Clewiston, Mrs. McKee and Mrs. Corbin are charter members of the group.

Policeman's Ball

The Belle Glade Police officers benevolent association will be holding the Annual Policeman's Ball on Friday, April 19, 1996, from 9:30 p.m. until 2 a.m. The dance will be held at the Belle Glade Elks Lodge located at 300 S.E. Ave. E, Belle Glade. Dress will be casual. There will be a cash bar only, no coolers will be allowed inside. Entertainment will be provided by "Shiloh Ridge" from West Palm Beach. Donations are \$10 per ticket. Tickets can be purchased from any member of the Belle Glade Police Department beginning on Friday, March 1. No reservations for seating will be taken. For tickets and further information please call Carolyn Nehls or Sgt. Curtis Stambaugh at 407-996-7254.

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Dr. Thomas-Richards appointed to District Nine Health and Human Services Board

Dr. Jose R. Thomas-Richards, the director of rehabilitation services at Everglades Regional Medical Center, has been appointed to a four year term on the District Nine Health and Human Services Board, the Palm Beach County Commission

announced today.

Dr. Thomas-Richards is a board certified orthopaedic and hand surgeon in private practice and affiliated with Everglades Regional, a rural regional public hospital located at Pahokee.

The Health and Rehabilitation Services District IX

Health and Human Services board provides the public influence over a wide range of public health and social services needs and a \$141 million annual budget for the district which includes all of Palm Beach County. The board has a direct influence over the Palm Beach County Health Department.

ment.

Board Chairman Joseph Orr said Dr. Thomas-Richards "the knowledge and expertise" would be an asset to the 23 member board of volunteer community leaders who come from all walks of Palm Beach County life. As the only physician on the board, Dr. Thomas-

Richards was appointed to the Health Services Committee, the chairman announced. Members are appointed by the county commission and the governor.

"I am very pleased and humbled at the opportunity to be of service in this important area of community life," commented Dr. Thomas-Richards, after the announcement. "I hope to bring to the board the views from the medical profession as well as from the perspective of rural health care delivery during what has become a time of change for all medicine," he added.

Dr. Thomas-Richards is a native of Venezuela and received his medical training in Canada and the United States. He was affiliated with a leading Kansas City hospital prior to moving his practice to Florida in 1992.

Dr. Thomas-Richards has a distinguished career in



Dr. Jose Thomas-Richards

orthopaedic surgery. In his military service, Dr. Thomas-Richards was, in real life, the commander of a U.S. Army Mobile Field Surgical Hospital, M*A*S*H, which became a household word by the highly regarded long running television series of the same name.

Dr. Thomas-Richards and his wife are the parents of two boys and they make their home in Jupiter.

Rosenwald Elementary School's news

Spelling Bee winners

Preliminaries for the county's annual Spelling Bee were held with 16 fourth and fifth grade students vying for the top three positions - First, Second, and Alternate. The competition was fierce. The final victors were Joshua Kelting who won first place; Jessica Ortiz who won second place; and Kelvina Clarke who will serve as the alternate.

100th Day celebration

The Annual, 100th Day Celebration was held on Friday, Feb. 9. Grade level displays and activi-

ties centered around the 100th day of school celebration.

Nell Carter show

Twenty-five students and five adults were fortunate enough to have been treated to the "Nell Carter Concert" held recently at the Dolly Hand Cultural Arts Center.

Del Prado thank-you

Students were busy writing notes of thanks, that will be videoed, to Del Prado Elementary School. Del Prado Elementary adopted Rosenwald and has been very generous at Christmas

and other special times. Hip-hooray for Del Prado!

Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon held

A Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon was held Tuesday, Feb. 13 in honor of Volunteer Appreciation Week. Ms. Cynthia Gilliam, Family Resource Teacher coordinated the event.

PTO meeting held

There was a PTO meeting held Feb. 13 at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Center. All parents were invited to attend.

Leadership Glades Luncheon held

A group of 45 educators inundated the campus for the Leadership Glades Luncheon and tour held on Feb. 14.

Wheels of Learning Bus

The Wheels of Learning Bus was at Rosenwald between 11:45 and 1:45 p.m. Feb. 15. The bus is provided by the School District of Palm Beach County Title I for parents to check out materials for their family's use. Cynthia Gilliam, Parent Resource Teacher, coordinated this event.

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